

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Introduction:

Claim 3 is amended, and claims 1, 2, 4, 6-18, and 20-31 are canceled. Following entry of this Amendment, claims 3, 5, and 19 will be pending. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and reexamination and reconsideration of the application.

The Amendment Should Be Entered:

This Amendment should be entered because the Amendment clearly puts the application in condition for allowance. That is, in the final Office Action of November 29, 2005 and the Notice of Panel Decision, claim 19 was allowed and claim 2 was identified as containing allowable subject matter. Claim 3—the independent claim from which claim 2 depended—has been amended to include the recitations of claim 2. Claim 3 should therefore clearly be in condition for allowance. Claim 5—the only claim other than claims 3 and 19 remaining in the application—depends from claim 3 and therefore should also clearly be in condition for allowance. The Amendment thus clearly puts the application in condition for allowance.

Objections To Claims:

Claims 6, 11, 12, 15-17, 20-24, 26-29, and 31 were objected to. Each of these claims has been canceled, mooting the objections to the claims.

Rejection Of Claims:

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 13, 14, 18, and 21-30 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by US Patent No. 5,773,987 to Montoya ("Montoya"), and claims 6, 11, 12, 15-17, 20, and 31 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious in view of Montoya and US Patent No. 6,250,933 to Khoury ("Khoury"). As discussed above, this Amendment cancels all rejected claims, leaving only claims that are clearly in condition for allowance. The foregoing rejections of the claims are therefore moot.

Conclusion:

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all of the claims are allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a discussion with Applicants' attorney would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (801) 323-5934.

Respectfully submitted,

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